

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims indicated to be allowable if suitably rewritten to independent form, as set forth at page 10 of the Action, have been so rewritten and, where appropriate, the respective independent claims have been canceled, without prejudice. In most instance, dependencies of rejected dependent claims have been amended to now depend from the allowable independent claims, as amended herein.

Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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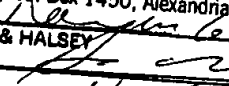
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